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Dallas Water Utilities Offers Water-Wise Landscape Seminars

FREE seminars will help residents make their landscapes more drought proof

DALLAS – City of Dallas Water Conservation, City of Dallas Stormwater Management and Mountain View College are sponsoring free, half-day Water-Wise landscaping seminars on Saturday, September 10 at the Performance Hall of Mountain View College in Dallas.

The morning seminar will explain how to plan, plant and maintain a landscape that is heat and drought-tolerant. The afternoon session will focus on plants that are native or well adapted to the North Texas region. Both seminars will feature Bonnie Reese, local landscape designer and author, who specializes in Water-Wise landscaping.

- **Water-Wise Landscape Design 101 (9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.):** For those with new landscaping or those looking to update, this seminar will focus on the basics of smart landscape design and how to create a beautiful landscape with little or no supplemental watering.
- **Fantastic Plants for North Texas (1:30 to 5 p.m.):** Focuses on quality native or adapted plants that are widely available and thrive naturally in North Texas.

The first 100 attendees at each session will receive a copy of Ms. Reese's book, "Common-Sense Landscaping." A drawing for a free rain barrel will be held at the end of both the morning and afternoon seminars.

"This unusually hot summer combined with the Texas drought has shown us how tough our climate can be for plants not suited to our region. Some residents may have lost some of their plantings due to the extreme summer heat. Our free seminars can help attendees learn how to have beautiful, lush landscapes and yet still save water by using some simple techniques and plants that can take our Texas summers in stride," said DWU Conservation Program Manager Carole Davis. "We encourage everyone to take advantage of these free seminars that will help them save time, water and money."

Through their water conservation efforts, Dallas residents have saved an estimated 120 billion gallons of water since 2001. For more information on the seminars and to register online, visit SaveDallasWater.com or call the Water Conservation Hotline at (214) 670-3155.

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